THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (f) Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) organizes mass awareness campaigns on various aspects of ground water including its augmentation and conservation in rural as well as urban areas facing problems of ground water depletion and quality deterioration.

The methods used by CGWB to create awareness are as follows:—

(a) Delivering lectures by eminent personalities in water sector.

(b) Displaying exhibits/fixing display stalls in important functions in various parts of the country.

(c) Distributing technical literature in local language.

(d) Production of films and their display.

(e) Involving school children in Water March and organising various competitions like essay/slogan writing, poster making, debates, etc.

(f) Observing Rain Water Harvesting Week throughout the country.

No collaboration has been made by the CGWB with Universities to hold camps and seminars on the subject. However, experts from CGWB actively participate in seminars/workshop organized by different Universities.

Restoration of water bodies

*450. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to revive and restore 15 million water bodies in the country with a view to conserve and store water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is its source of funding; and

(d) the details of the bodies that would be revived in the State of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to revive and restore at this moment 15 million water bodies in the country.

However, a pilot scheme "National project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies Directly Linked to Agriculture" was approved in line with the announcement made by the Finance Minister in his Budget speech 2004-05 in this regard. The pilot scheme is for a total outlay of Rs. 300 crore for the remaining period of Tenth Five Year Plan. The scheme envisages taking up pilot projects by the States in one or two districts for restoration of water bodies having original culturable command area of 40 ha. upto 2000 ha. States are to submit Detailed Project Report (DPR) as per guidelines of the scheme for approval of projects by Ministry of Water Resources. Funding pattern is 75:25 (Centre:State). The aims and objectives of the scheme are to restore and augment the storage capacity of the water bodies and to recover and extend their lost irrigation potential. However, a broad view further can be taken after the successful completion of pilot projects.

(c) The funding is under the State Sector Schemes and Central share is to be released to States as grant. The States are to release their share for the projects.

(d) For Orissa, two pilot projects for Ganjam and Gajapati districts were approved by Government of India. Under the projects, works for 68 water bodies in District Ganjam and 59 water bodies in District Gajapati are to be taken up. These water bodies are mostly Minor Irrigation Tanks constructed since long (more than 20 years) with design irrigation potential between 40 ha. to 2000 ha. Storage capacity of the water bodies is proposed to be revived to restore the lost irrigation potential.

Recovery of NPAs

*451. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loan accounts in the slabs of Rupees one crore to five crore, Rupees six to ten crores, Rupees fifty crores and above and Rupees hundred crores and above, PSU Bank-wise and IFI-wise, which became their Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) as on 31st December of the year from 1993 to 2004;

(b) the details of book values of assets mortgaged/pledged by borrowers as collateral against these loans slab-wise;

(c) virtual mortgage to loan ratio obtained by lenders in these years; and